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## PORTO RICO.

*Report from Ponce—Vital statistics, month of January, 1904.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Torres, reports, February 1, through the chief quarantine officer, as follows:

*Summary of transactions of Service during the month of January, 1904.*

Vessels inspected .....	15
Bills of health issued .....	22
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming .....	53
In transit .....	413
Crew inspected .....	802
Vessels in quarantine .....	7
Immigrants inspected .....	29
Rejections .....	0
Passengers detained in quarantine .....	6
Pieces of baggage disinfected .....	0

## SPAIN.

*Smallpox epidemic in Madrid—Measures to secure vaccination of emigrants to the United States.*

Vice-Consul Danziger, at Madrid, reports, January 20, as follows:

In view of the fact that the smallpox epidemic in Madrid has shown no sign of abatement, but has in fact greatly increased in mortality results, and in further view that emigration from this district to the United States is growing more frequent, I have this day instructed the Transatlantic Steamship Company in this city not to issue tickets to intending emigrants to the United States unless such emigrants produce a certificate of vaccination. My action was prompted by the instructions contained in the various laws enacted by Congress forwarded to me by the Department for my guidance.

I was told at the company's office that emigrants are "bunched" at Barcelona and certificates issued there. As emigrants leaving for the United States go from this city to Barcelona to embark immediately, I deemed it my duty to prevent, firstly, a breach of the law by the steamship company; secondly, to see that emigrants comply with the law by the production of a certificate of actual and successful vaccination, which can be done best here, as going to Barcelona and being "bunched" must result in a defeat of this law, enacted by Congress for this purpose; and, lastly, if the emigrants who desire to embark immediately are to be vaccinated by a physician at Barcelona they must necessarily be put to the inconvenience of losing time and money, since it is impossible to tell by examination whether a person carries the germs of smallpox.

*Foreign and insular statistical reports of countries and cities—Yearly and monthly.*

AFRICA—Lourenço Marquez.—Month of November, 1903. Estimated population, 7,000. Total number of deaths, 65, including 11 from tuberculosis.

AUSTRIA—Brunn.—Month of December, 1903. Estimated popula-